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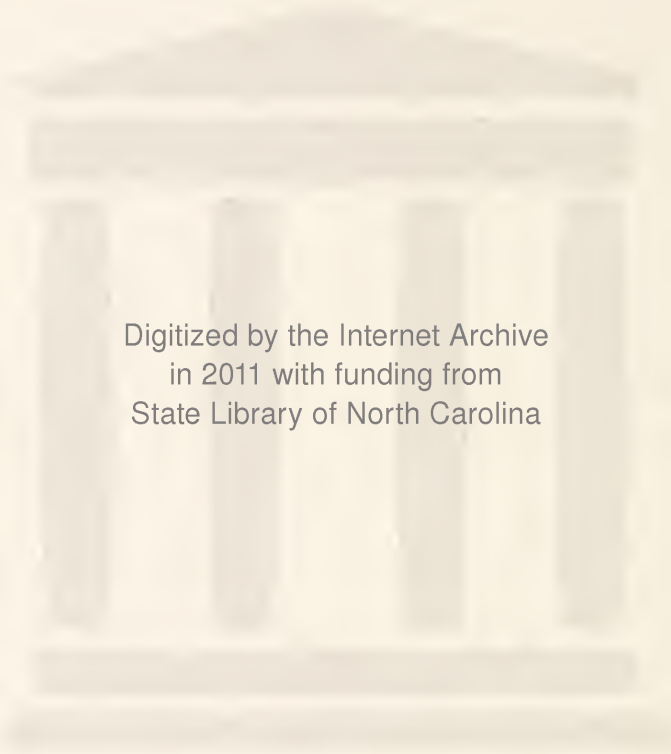
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TO THE PEOPLE OF WILKES COUNTY:

Feeling that it is a duty we owe to the public to give an account of the progress of public education in the county each year and believing that the patrons of the public schools, the school officers and the friends of education will be pleased to receive this information, and that a better knowledge of what our schools are doing will tend to create more interest in them we gladly present to you this, our third Annual Report, trusting that the work done and the results achieved merit, and may receive your approval.

Very truly yours,

C. C. WRIGHT,

County Superintendent of Schools.

Hunting Creek, N. C., June 30, 1906.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Gentlemen: I herewith respectfully submit to you my Annual Report of the Public Schools of Wilkes County for the scholastic year ending June 30, 1906.

REPORT BY TOWNSHIPS.

Antioch Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 131; females, 149; total, 280. Enrollment: males, 85; females 106; total 191. By grades: first, 49; second, 41; third 33; fourth, 30; fifth, 22; sixth, 9; seventh, 7. Average attendance: males, 40; females, 46; total, 86. Tardies: males, 59; females, 89; total, 148. Absences: males, 2110; females, 2381; total, 4491. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 31; females, 32; total 63. Families sending to school, 69; not sending, 18; total 87. Promotions, 78. Average age, 13. Illiterates: males 5; females, 1; total 6. Districts, 4; schools taught, 4; length of term, 83 days. Houses, 3; frame, 3; valuation, \$250. Average monthly salary of teachers: males, \$27. Teachers: males, 4. Amount expended, \$455; due the districts, \$4.00. Rank, based on average attendance, 14. Number studying reading, 177; writing and spelling, 181; language, 52; grammar, 15; arithmetic, 88; geography, 52; history, 33; physiology, 1; agriculture, 1.

COLORLED RACE—School census: males, 28; females, 32; total, 60. Enrollment: males, 19; females, 18; total, 37. By grades: first, 6; second, 8; third, 3; fourth, 9. Average attendance: males, 10; females, 9; total, 19. Tardies: males, 17; females, 17; total, 34. Absences: males, 195; females, 195; total, 390. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 17; females, 16; total, 33. Families sending to school, 15; not sending, 4; total, 19. Promotions, 8. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 1; females, 1; total, 2. Districts, 1; schools

taught, 1; length of term, 70 days. Houses, 1; valuation, \$30. Monthly salary of teacher: males, \$20. Teachers: males, 1. Amount expended, \$72.50. Rank, based on average attendance, 8. Number studying reading, 29; writing and spelling, 29; language, 8; grammar, 4; arithmetic, 20.

Beaver Creek Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 70; females, 60; total, 130. Enrollment: males, 36; females, 35; total, 71. By grades: first, 17; second, 9; third, 10; fourth, 12; fifth 11; sixth, 5; seventh, 7. Attendance: males, 20; females, 22; total, 42. Tardies: males, 169; females, 218; total 387. Absences: males, 994; females, 956; total, 1,950. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 21; females, 21; total, 42. Families sending to school, 27; not sending, 24; total, 51. Promotions, 8. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 8; females, 3; total, 11. Districts, 2; schools taught, 2; length of term, 97 days. Houses, 2; frame, 1; valuation, \$135. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$28. Teachers: males, 2. Expended, \$260; due the districts, \$3. Rank, based on attendance, 13. Rural libraries, 1; supplementary libraries, 1; volumes, 164. Number studying reading, 60; writing and spelling, 67; language, 23; grammar, 3; arithmetic, 62; geography, 36; history, 21; drawing, 7; physiology, 2; Latin, 1; agriculture, 17; physical geography, 1.

COLORED RACE.—School census: males, 23; females, 17; total, 40. Enrollment: males, 21; females, 17; total, 38. By grades: first, 14; second, 8; third, 16. Attendance: males, 16; females, 16; total, 32. Tardies: males, 4; females, 4; total, 8. Families sending to school, 9; total, 9. Promotions, 10. Average age, 9. Districts, 1; schools taught, 1; length of term, 40 days. Houses, 1; frame, 1; valuation, \$15. Monthly salary of teacher, \$22. Teachers: males, 1. Expended, \$44.50; due the district, \$2. Rank, based on attendance, 1. Number studying reading, 38; writing and spelling, 38; arithmetic, 38; geography, 38; history, 38; drawing, 38; agriculture, 38; physiology, 20; manual training, 38.

Boomer Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 139; females, 124; total, 263. Enrollment: males, 95; females, 78; total, 173. By grades: first, 15; second, 14; third, 23; fourth, 34; fifth, 15; sixth, 21;

seventh, 20. Attendance: males, 39; females, 51; total, 90. Tardies: males, 303; females, 199; total, 502. Absences: males, 1,158; females, 587; total, 1,745. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 33; females, 27; total, 60. Families sending to school, 63; not sending, 26; total, 89. Promotions, 18. Average, 12. Illiterates: males, 8; females, 3; total, 11. Districts, 3; schools taught, 3; length of term, 84 days. Houses, 3; frame, 3; valuation, \$2,225. Monthly salary of teachers; males, \$30.00; females, \$35; teachers: males, 2; females, 2; total, 4. Expended, \$539; due the districts, \$32. Rank, based on attendance, 11. Rural libraries, 1; supplementary libraries, 1; volumes, 150. Studying reading, 135; writing and spelling, 147; language, 30; grammar, 59; arithmetic, 118; geography, 87; history, 78; physiology, 25; physical geography, 3; algebra, 5; Latin, 5; rhetoric, 5; drawing, 32; civil government, 10. Local tax districts, 1.

COLORÉD RACE.—School census: males, 34; females, 49; total, 83. Enrollment: males, 27; females, 27; total, 54. By grades: first, 23; second, 10; third, 10; fourth, 8; fifth, 0; sixth, 3. Attendance: males, 12; females, 12; total, 24. Tardies: males, 5; females, 10; total, 15. Absences: males, 7; females, 21; total, 28. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 2; females, 3; total, 5. Families sending to school, 22; not sending, 6; total, 28. Promotions, 10. Average age, 14. Illiterates: males, 3; females, 4; total, 7. Districts, 1; schools taught, 1; length of term 60 days. Houses, 1; valuation, \$25. Monthly salary of teachers: females, \$22. Teachers: females, 1; expended, \$67; due the district, \$27. Rank, based on attendance, 10; Studying reading, 41; writing and spelling, 31; language, 7; arithmetic, 14; geography, 11; history, 6; drawing, 3; physiology, 3.

Brushy Mountain Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census; males, 158; females, 124; total, 282. Enrollment: males, 118; females, 96; total, 214. By grades, first, 64; second, 34; third, 35; fourth, 50; fifth, 30; sixth, 1; seventh, 0. Average attendance: males, 48; females, 48; total, 96. Tardies: males, 216; females, 214; total, 430. Absences: males, 1,621; females, 1,634; total, 2,655. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 32; females, 18; total, 50. Families sending to school, 79; not sending, 15; total, 94. Promotions, 34. Average age, 12.

Illiterates: males, 23; females, 25; total, 48. Districts, 5; schools taught, 5; length of term, 70 days. Houses, 5; frame, 5; valuation, \$355. Monthly salary paid teachers: male, \$27; females, \$28. Teachers: males, 3; females, 2; total, 5. Expended, \$487; due the districts, \$35. Rank, based on attendance, 11. Studying reading, 205; writing and spelling, 175; language, 40; grammar, 7; arithmetic, 130; geography, 76; history, 28; civil government, 11; drawing, 58.

Edwards Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 503; females, 447; total, 950. Enrollment: males, 391; females, 335; total, 726. By grades: first, 230; second, 138; third, 111; fourth, 111; fifth, 73; sixth, 48; seventh, 15. Attendance: males, 217; females, 195; total, 412. Tardies: males, 507; females, 445; total, 952. Absences: males, 6,486; females, 5,602; total, 12,088. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 60; females, 69; total, 129. Families sending to school, 290; not sending, 58. Promotions, 172. Average age, 13. Illiterates: males, 33; females, 24; total, 57. Districts, 12; schools taught, 12; length of term, 67 days. Houses, 11; frame, 11; valuation, \$2,490. Monthly salary paid teachers: males, \$27; females, \$25. Teachers: males, 12; females, 4; total, 16. Expended, \$1,306; due the districts, \$118. Rank, based on attendance, 6. Studying reading, 623; writing and spelling, 632; language, 124; grammar, 64; arithmetic, 301; geography, 239; history, 128; physiology, 37; drawing, 201; civil government, 6; agriculture, 2; algebra, 4; physical geography, 1. Rural libraries, 8; supplementary libraries, 5; volumes, 1,050. Local tax districts, 1.

COLORED RACE.—School census: males, 63; females, 60; total, 123. Enrollment: males, 50; females, 46; total, 96. By grades: first, 29; second, 3; third, 12; fourth, 9; fifth, 23; sixth, 9; seventh, 11. Attendance: males, 34; females, 38; total, 72. Tardies: males, 58; females, 48; total, 106. Absences: males, 180; females, 170; total, 350. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 11; females, 11; total, 22. Families sending to school, 31; not sending, 3; total, 34. Average age, 13. Illiterates: males, 5; females, 4; total, 9. Districts, 1; schools taught, 1; length of term, 77 days. Houses, 1; frame, 1; valuation, \$200. Monthly salary of teachers:

males, \$22. Teachers: males, 1; females, 1; total, 2. Expended, \$120. Rank, based on attendance, 2. Rural libraries, 1; volumes, 100. Studying reading, 91; writing and spelling, 87; language, 76; grammar, 20; geography, 96; arithmetic, 94; history, 66; civil government, 39; drawing, 82; physiology, 34.

Elk Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 184; females, 180; total, 366. Enrollment, males, 140; females, 118; total, 258. By grades: first, 76; second, 45; third, 33; fourth, 55; fifth, 28; sixth, 16; seventh, 5. Attendance: males, 69; females, 64; total, 133. Tardies: males, 58; females, 13; total, 71. Absences: males, 676; females, 289; total, 965. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 27; females, 30; total, 57. Families sending to school, 91; not sending, 36; total, 127. Promotions, 36. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 11; females, 8; total, 19. Districts, 7; schools taught, 7; length of term, 69 days. Houses, 5; frame, 5; valuation; \$650. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$25; females, 25. Teachers; males, 3; females 4; total, 7. Expended \$611; due the districts \$87. Rank, based on attendance, 10. Rural Libraries, 1; volumes, 100. Studying reading, 231; writing and spelling 174; launquage, 46; grammar, 14; Arithmetic, 116; geography, 78; history, 20; physiology, 4; drawing 67; civil government, 5.

COLORED RACE.—School census; males, 45; females, 21; total, 66. Enrollment: males, 27; females, 15; total, 42. By grades; first, 19; second, 4; third, 10; fourth, 9. Attendance: males, 12; females, 6; total, 18. Tardies; males, 44; females, 11; total, 55. Absences: males, 930; females, 628; total, 1558. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 7; females, 2; total, 9. Families sending to school, 22; not sending 2; total, 24. Promotions, 7. Average age, 11. Illiterates: males, 4; females, 4; total, 8. Districts, 2; schools taught, 2; lenght of term 60 days. Houses, 1; frame, 1; valuation, \$30. Monthly salary of teachers: female, \$21. Teachers: females, 2. Expended \$130; due the districts, \$1.00. Rank, based on attendance, 5. Studying reading, 42; writing and spelling, 32; language, 23. grammar 9; arithmetic, 42; geography, 23; history, 9; drawing, 42; physiology, 9.

Jobs Cabin Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 236; females, 240; total, 466. Enrollment: males, 139; females, 136; total, 275. By grades: first, 64; second, 52; third, 62; fourth, 51, fifth, 27; sixth, 15; seventh, 4. Attendance: males, 65; females, 57; total, 122. Tardies: males, 302; females, 365; total, 667. Absences: males, 1334; females, 1140; total 2474. Number under 17 not enrolled: males 25; females, 28; total, 53. Families sending to school, 103; not sending, 23; total, 126. Promotions, 42. Average age, 11. Illiterates: males 15; females, 13; total, 28. Districts, 6; schools taught, 5; length of term 75 days. Houses, 6; frame, 3; valuation, \$36. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$28; females, \$25. Teachers: Males, 2; females, 3; total, 5; Expended, \$120; due the districts, \$1.00. Rank, based on average attendance, 12. Rural libraries, 3; supplementary libraries, 2; volumes, 400. Studying reading, 224; writing and spelling, 237; language, 29; grammar, 15; arithmetic, 132; history, 28; drawing, 14; physiology, 9; civil government, 16.

Lewis Fork Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 266; females, 254; total, 520. Enrollment: males, 188; females, 197; total, 385. By grades: first, 95, second, 53; third 59; fourth, 77; fifth, 58; sixth, 20; seventh, 19; eighth, 4. Attendance; Males, 115; females, 123; total, 1,264. Absences: males, 2889; females, 3240; total, 6129. Number under 17 not enrolled; males, 38; females, 25; total, 73. Families sending to school, 129; not sending, 28; total, 157. Promotions, 64. Average age, 13. Illiterates: males, 17; females, 8; total, 25. Districts, 6; length of term in days, 74. Houses, 4; frame, 4; valuation, \$1,250. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$28; females, 24. Teachers: males, 4; females, 4; total, 8. Expended, \$674; due the districts, \$22. Rank, based on attendance, 3. Rural libraries, 1; volumes, 100. Studying reading, 352; writing and spelling, 357; language, 65; grammar, 46; arithmetic, 188; geography, 113; history, 80; civil government, 13; drawing, 62; agriculture, 9; physiology, 21; Latin, 2; algebra, 4; botany, 4; physical geography, 2.

COLORED RACE.—School census: males, 7; females, 15; total, 22. No school; due the district, \$42.

Lovelace Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 192; females, 173; total, 365. Enrollment: males, 132; females, 123; total, 255. By grades: first, 60; second, 53; third, 35; fourth, 58; fifth, 39; sixth, 4; seventh, 6. Attendance: males, 82; females, 81; total, 163. Tardies: males, 119; females, 125; total, 244. Absences: males, 1,960; females, 1,794; total, 3,754. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 30; females, 29; total, 59. Families sending to school, 88; families not sending to school, 15; total, 103. Promotions, 50. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 27; females, 19; total, 46. Districts, 5; schools taught, 5; length of term 67 days: Houses, 5; frame, 3; valuation, \$995. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$27; females, \$28. Teachers: males, 3; females, 2; total, 5. Expended, \$491; due the districts, \$30. Rank, based on attendance, 4. Studying reading, 233; writing and spelling, 188; language, 44; grammar, 5; arithmetic, 83; geography, 59; history, 35; drawing, 57; agriculture, 1; physiology, 12.

Moravian Falls Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census; males, 154; females, 144, total 298. By grades: first, 73; second, 56; third, 58; fourth, 51; fifth, 29; sixth, 21; seventh, 6; eighth, 4. Attendance: males, 88; females, 82; total, 170. Tardies: males, 272; females, 220; total, 492. Absences; males, 1358; females, 1247; total, 2605. Number under 17 not enrolled; males, 43; females, 35; total, 78. Families sending to school, 107; not sending, 35; total, 142. Promotions, 122. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 14; females, 5; total, 19. Districts, 5; schools taught, 5; length of term, 100 days. Houses, 4; frame 4; valuation, \$525. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$26; females, \$25. Teachers: males, 4; females, 3; total, 7. Expended, \$971; due the districts, \$10. Rank, based on attendance, 7. Rural libraries, 1; volumes, 80. Local tax districts, 1. Studying reading, 255; writing and spelling, 289; language, 103; grammar, 46; geography, 97; arithmetic, 161; history, 55; drawing, 91; physiology, 8; Latin, 9; algebra, 4; physical geography, 4; rhetoric, 4; agriculture, 4.

Mulberry Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census; males, 348; females, 371; total, 719. Enrollment: males, 241; females, 254; total, 495. By grades: first 147; second, 67; third, 56; fourth, 94; fifth, 82; sixth, 28; seventh, 21. Attendance: males, 127; females, 125; total, 252. Tardies: males, 276; females, 262; total, 538. Absences; males, 2217; females, 2823, total, 6939. Number under 17 not enrolled; males, 46; females, 51; total, 97. Families sending to school, 191; not sending, 49; total, 240. Promotions, 107. Average age, 15. Illiterates: males, 18; females, 31; total, 49. Districts, 9; schools taught, 8; length of term, 73 days. Houses, 9; frame, 7; valuation, \$1,050. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$26; females, \$29. Teachers: males, 4; females, 4; total, 8. Expended, \$1,055; due the districts, \$171. Rank, based on attendance, 8. Rural libraries, 1; volumes, 105. Studying reading, 441; writing and spelling, 427; language, 63; grammar, 31; arithmetic, 209; geography, 127; history, 72; civil government, 10; drawing, 159; agriculture, 7; physiology, 57.

COLORED RACE.—School census: males, 10; females, 9; total, 19. Enrollment: males, 3; females, 4; total, 7. By grades: first, 4; second, 3. Attendance: males, 3; females, 4; total, 7. Tardies: males, 1; females, 2; total, 3. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 2; females, 3; total, 5. Families sending to school, 3; not sending, 7; total, 10. Promotions, 0. Average age, 12. Districts, 1; schools taught, 1; length of term, 20 days. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$20. Teachers: males, 1. Expended, \$20; due the district, \$21. Rank, based on attendance, 7. Studying reading, 7; writing and spelling, 7.

New Castle Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 197; females, 191; total, 388. Enrollment: males, 125; females, 132; total, 257. By grades: first, 72; second, 41; third, 56; fourth, 24; fifth, 25; sixth, 19; seventh, 10. Attendance: males, 74; females, 83; total, 157. Tardies: males, 217; females, 237; total, 454. Absences: males, 1294; females, 1311; total, 2605. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 17; females, 11; total, 28. Families sending to school, 92; not sending, 11; total, 103. Promotions, 40. Average age, 12. Illit-

erates: males, 14; females, 15; total, 29. Districts, 6; schools taught, 5; length of term 67 days. Houses, 4; frame, 4; valuation, \$405. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$25; females, \$27. Teachers: Males, 2; females, 3; total, 5; Expended, \$508; due the districts, \$211. Rank, based on average attendance, 2. Rural libraries, 1; volumes, 100. Studying reading, 245; writing and spelling, 217; language, 36; grammar, 11; arithmetic, 140; history, 46; geography, 86; drawing, 108.

COLORED RACE.—School census: males, 49; females, 51; total, 100. Enrollment: males, 32; females, 28; total, 60. By grades: first, 16; second, 10; third, 13; fourth, 18; fifth, 3. Attendance: males, 30; females, 24; total, 54. Tardies: males, 60; females, 20; total, 80. Absences: males, 74; females, 107; total, 181. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 12; females, 7; total, 19. Families sending to school, 23; not sending, 16; total, 39. Promotions, 22; Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 8; females, 5; total, 13. Districts, 2; schools taught, 2; length of term 71 days. Houses, 2; value, \$125. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$22. Teachers: males, 2. Expended, \$157, due the districts, \$2. Rank, based on attendance, 3. Studying reading, 28; writing and spelling, 57; language, 33; grammar, 59; arithmetic, 44; geography, 26; history, 59; civil government, 3; Drawing, 30; agriculture, 20; manual training, 30.

North Wilkesboro Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 278; females, 272; total, 550. Enrollment: males, 214; females, 218; total, 432. By grades: first, 131; second, 54; third, 51; fourth, 68; fifth, 40; sixth, 47; seventh, 28; eighth, 13. Attendance: males, 79; females, 86; total, 165. Tardies: males, 356; females, 394 total, 749. Absences; males, 1950; females, 2374; total, 4324. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 9; females, 9; total, 18. Families sending to school, 42; not sending, 12; total, 54. Promotions, 169. Average age, 11. Illiterates: males, 15; females, 7; total, 22. Districts, 3; schools taught, 3; length of term, 106 days. Houses, 3; frame, 3; valuation, \$2,175. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$65; females, \$33. Teachers: males, 2; females, 5; total, 7. Expended, \$2,919; due the districts, \$325. Rank, based on attendance, 5. Rural

libraries, 1; volumes, 100. Studying reading, 127; writing and spelling, 120; language, 23; grammar, 9; arithmetic, 50; geography, 36; history, 31; physiology, 26; agriculture, 2. Local tax districts, 1. The report of the graded school did not contain all the information called for on the regular report, hence some of the items do not include the statistics of that school.

COLORED RACE.—School census: males, 63; females, 52; total, 115. Enrollment: males, 46; females, 39; total, 85. By grades: first, 29; second, 19; third, 20; fourth, 5; fifth, 12. Attendance: males, 27; females, 22; total, 49. Tardies: males, 10; females, 8; total, 18. Absences: males, 1; females, 1; total, 2. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 1; females, 2; total, 3. Families sending to school, 43; not sending, 5; total, 48. Promotions, 35. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 5; females, 2; total, 7. Districts, 2; schools taught, 2; length of term, 100 days. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$24; Teachers: males, 2. Expended, \$244; due the districts, \$14. Rank, based on attendance, 4. Studying reading, 85; writing and spelling, 80; language, 73; history, 25; drawing, 25; physiology, 9; grammar, 39; arithmetic, 74; geography, 9. Houses, 1; valuation, \$125.

Reddies River Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 393; females, 348; total, 741. Enrollment: males, 268; females, 236; total, 504. By grades: first, 142; second, 91; third, 84; fourth, 80; fifth, 52; sixth, 28; seventh, 16. Attendance: males, 118; females, 111; total, 229. Tardies: males, 856; females, 1,269; total, 2,125. Absences: males, 3,919; females, 4,258; total, 8,177. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 66; females, 43; total, 109. Families sending to school, 196; families not sending to school, 63; total, 259. Promotions, 75. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 47; females, 33; total, 80. Districts, 10; schools taught, 10; length of term 76 days. Houses, 9; frame, 9; valuation, \$1375. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$27; females, \$26. Teachers: males, 4; females, 6; total, 10. Expended, \$1,014; due the districts, \$183. Rank, based on attendance, 14. Studying reading, 427; writing and spelling, 394; language, 75; grammar, 34; arithmetic, 235; geography, 125; history 90; civil government, 1; drawing, 103; agriculture, 2; physiology, 31; Latin, 1; rhetoric, 1; English history, 1. Local tax districts, 1.

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Rock Creek Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 223; females, 222, total, 445. Enrollment: males, 169; females, 155; total, 324. By grades: first, 96; second, 55; third 43; fourth, 63; fifth, 27; sixth, 29; seventh, 11. Attendance: males, 74; females, 95; total, 169. Tardies: males, 1,182; females, 1,195; total, 2,377. Absences: males, 7,144; females, 6,261; total, 13,405. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 38; females, 47; total, 85. Families sending to school, 123; not sending, 34; total, 157. Promotions, 62. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 29; females, 19; total, 48. Districts, 4; schools taught, 4; length of term in days, 102. Houses, 4; frame, 4; valuation, \$550. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$30. Teachers: males, 4; females, 2; total, 6. Expended, \$602; due the districts, \$186. Rank, based on attendance, 9. Local tax districts, 1; Studying reading, 301; writing and spelling, 300; language, 62; grammar, 34; arithmetic, 150; geography, 75; history, 35; civil government, 3; drawing, 43; physiology, 8.

COLORÉD RACE.—School census; males, 16; females, 14; total, 30. Enrollment: males, 10; females, 8; total, 18. By grades: first, 9; second, 5; third, 3; fourth, 1. Attendance: males, 5; females, 4; total, 9. Tardies: males, 17; females, 25; total, 42. Absences: males, 115; females, 126; total, 241. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 1; females, 4; total, 5. Families sending to school, 10; not sending, 5; total, 15. Promotions, 1; Average age, 9. Illiterates: males, 3; females, 2; total, 5. Districts, 1; schools taught, 1; length of term 40 days Houses, 1; frame, 1; valuation, \$50. Monthly salary of teachers: females, \$20. Teachers: females, 1. Expended, \$40. Rank, based on attendance, 9. Studying reading, 16; writing and spelling, 7; arithmetic, 6; geography, 1; drawing, 2.

Somers Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 231; females, 180; total, 411. Enrollment, males, 185; females, 142; total, 327. By grades: first, 104; second, 52; third, 69; fourth, 38; fifth, 50; sixth, 10; seventh, 4. Attendance: males, 117; females, 91; total, 218. Tardies: males, 22; females, 3; total, 25. Absences: males, 2,809; females, 2,426; total, 5,235. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 28; females, 29; total, 57. Families sending to school, 137; not sending, 16; total, 159. Promotions, 72. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 11;

females, 8; total, 19. Districts, 5; schools taught, 5; length of term, 74 days. Houses, 5; frame, 5; valuation, \$740. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$28; females, \$30. Teachers: males, 3; females, 3; total, 6. Expended \$625; due the districts, \$90. Rank, based on attendance, 1. Studying reading, 304; writing and spelling, 293; language, 48; grammar, 11; Arithmetic, 145; geography, 81; history, 99; civil government, 3; drawing, 75; agriculture, 5; physiology, 22.

Traphill Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 300; females, 330; total, 630. Enrollment: males, 185; females, 208; total, 393. By grades: first, 91; second, 92; third, 67; fourth, 71; fifth, 31; sixth, 26; seventh, 12. Attendance: males, 109; females, 111; total, 120. Tardies: males, 111; females, 106; total, 217. Absences: males, 3,623; females, 3,971; total, 7,604. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 44; females, 65; total, 109. Families sending to school, 160; not sending, 64; total, 224. Promotions, 59. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 22; females, 25; total, 47. Districts, 8; schools taught, 7; length of term, 70 days. Houses, 6; frame, 6; valuation, \$743. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$27; females, \$25. Teachers: males, 6; females, 1; total, 7. Expended, \$1,122; due the districts, \$161. Rank, based on attendance, 7. Rural libraries, 3; Supplementary libraries, 1; volumes, 356. Studying reading, 315; writing and spelling, 355; language, 94; grammar, 27; arithmetic, 155; geography, 103; history, 48; civil government, 3; drawing, 56; physiology, 32.

COLORED RACE.—School census: males, 39; females, 39; total, 78. Enrollment: males, 26; females, 28; total, 54. By grades: first, 26; second, 6; third, 10; fourth, 12. Attendance: males, 11; females, 14; total, 25. Tardies: males, 5; females, 2; totals, 7. Absences: males, 280; females, 142; total, 422. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 10; females, 4; total, 14. Families sending to school, 18; not sending, 8; total, 26. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 5; females, 3; total, 8. Districts, 2; schools taught, 2; length of term, 40 days. Houses, 2; frame, 2; valuation, \$105. Monthly salary of teacher: males, \$22; females, \$20. Teachers: males, 1; females, 1; total, 2. Expended, \$80. Rank, based on attendance,

8. Studying reading, 54; writing and spelling, 10; language, 12; grammar, 2; arithmetic, 41; geography, 22; drawing, 41.

Union Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 358; females, 336; total, 694. Enrollment: males, 262; females, 238; total, 500. By grades: first, 220; second, 101; third 67; fourth, 73; fifth, 14; sixth, 12; seventh, 11. Attendance: males, 129; females, 107; total, 236. Tardies: males, 179; females, 194; total, 373. Absences: males, 4,594; females, 4,826; total, 9,420. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 34; females, 43; total, 77. Families sending to school, 182; not sending, 65; total, 247. Promotions, 64. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 58; females, 61; total, 119. Districts, 9; schools taught, 9; length of term in days, 78. Houses, 8; frame, 6; valuation, \$905. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$28; females, \$28. Teachers: males, 6; females, 2; total, 8. Expended, \$937; due the districts, \$181. Rank, based on attendance, 11. Studying reading, 436; writing and spelling, 309; language, 9; grammar, 23; arithmetic, 113; geography, 61; history, 28; civil government, 7; drawing, 29; physiology, 29.

Walnut Grove Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 251; females, 244; total, 495. Enrollment: males, 192; females, 172; total, 364. By grades: first, 106; second, 49; third, 47; fourth, 65; fifth, 39; sixth, 35; seventh, 23. Attendance: males, 122; females, 107; total, 229. Tardies: males, 109; females, 108; total, 217. Absences: males, 1888; females, 1,828; total, 3,716. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 41; females, 35; total, 76. Families sending to school, 151; not sending, 37; total, 188. Promotions, 68. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 7; females, 8; total, 15. Districts, 7; schools taught, 7; length of term 68 days. Houses, 5; frame, 5; valuation, \$615. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$28; females, \$27. Teachers: males, 5; females, 2; total, 7. Expended, \$811; due the districts, \$91. Rank, based on attendance, 3. Studying reading, 321; writing and spelling, 287; language, 71; grammar, 45; arithmetic, 174; geography, 104; history, 51; civil government, 3; drawing, 21; physiology, 12.

Wilkesboro Township.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 320; females, 304; total, 624. Enrollment: males, 233; females, 230; total, 463. By grades: first, 86; second, 72; third, 47; fourth, 81; fifth, 59; sixth, 51; seventh, 47; eighth, 20. Attendance: males, 156; females, 152; total, 308. Tardies: males, 493; females, 633; total, 1126. Absences: males, 3465; females, 3692; total, 7157. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 23; females, 26; total, 49. Families sending to school, 147; not sending, 27; total, 174. Promotions, 216. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 15; females, 4; total, 19. Districts, 6; schools taught, 6; length of term, 96 days. Houses, 5; frame, 4; valuation, \$1,640. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$43; females, \$25. Teachers: males, 3; females, 7; total, 10. Expended, \$1,640; due the districts, \$103. Rank, based on attendance, 2. Rural libraries, 2; supplementary libraries, 3; volumes 350. Local tax districts, 2. Studying reading, 424; writing and spelling, 412; language, 148; grammar, 79; arithmetic, 337; geography, 223; history, 183; drawing, 76; physiology, 29; agriculture, 16; algebra, 21; rhetoric, 21; literature, 16; Latin, 15; physiology, 29.

COLORED RACE.—School census: males, 124; females, 174; total, 298. Enrollment: males, 94; females, 112; total, 206. By grades: first, 44; second, 35; third, 42; fourth, 50; fifth, 35. Attendance: males, 56; females, 63; total, 119. Tardies: males, 176; females, 230; total, 406. Absences: males, 815; females, 837; total, 1652. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 5; females, 11; total, 16. Families sending to school, 95; not sending, 7; total, 102. Promotions, 66. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 6; females, 7; total, 13. Districts, 4; schools taught, 3; length of term, 82 days. Houses, 3; frame, 1; valuation, \$440. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$22; females, \$22. Teachers: males, 2; females, 2; total, 4. Expended, \$335. Rank, based on attendance, 6. Rural libraries, 2; supplementary, 1; volumes, 250. Studying reading, 151; writing and spelling, 130; language, 95; grammar, 3; arithmetic, 134; geography, 99; history, 59; civil government, 5; drawing, 77; agriculture, 31; physiology, 23; manual training, 70.

SUMMARY.

WHITE RACE.—School census: males, 5001; females, 4745; total, 9746. Enrollment: males, 3552; females, 3347; total, 6899. By

grades: first, 1968; second, 1169; third, 1046; fourth, 1205; fifth, 751; sixth, 447; seventh, 272; eighth, 41. Attendance: males, 1926; females, 1871; total, 3797. Tardies: males, 6444; females, 6914; total, 13,358. Absences: males, 54,028; females, 52,569; total, 106,597. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 686; females, 683; total, 1369. Families sending to school, 2,467; not sending, 656; total, 3123. Promotions, 1555. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 394; females, 320; total, 714. Districts, 122; schools taught, 118; length of term, 80 days. Houses, 106; frame, 95; valuation, \$19,341. Monthly salary of teachers: males, \$30; females, 27. Teachers: males, 81; females, 55; total, 136. Expended, \$17,512; due the districts, \$2044. Rural libraries, 34; supplementary libraries, 16; volumes, 4400. Local tax districts, 8. Studying reading, 5836; writing and spelling, 5561; language, and grammar, 1762; arithmetic, 3097; geography, 1922; history, 1,168; civil government, 101; drawing, 1256; agriculture, 62; physiology, 275; English history, 4; algebra, 38; Latin, 33; rhetoric, 30; literature, 21; physical geography, 11; botany, 4.

COLORÉD RACE.—School census: males, 501; females, 533; total, 1034. Enrollment: males, 364; females, 351; total, 715. By grades: first, 221; second, 110; third, 156; fourth, 130; fifth, 81; sixth, 12; seventh, 11. Attendance: males, 219; females, 218; total, 437. Tardies: males, 411; females, 393; total, 804. Absences: males, 2599; females, 2229; total, 4828. Number under 17 not enrolled: males, 68; females, 63; total, 131. Families sending to school, 317; not sending, 58; total, 375. Promotions, 161. Average age, 12. Illiterates: males, 40; females 32; total, 72. Districts, 19; schools taught, 17; length of term, 60 days. Houses, 14; frame, 8; valuation, 1120. Monthly sairy of teachers: males, \$22; females, 21. Teachers: males, 10; females, 7; total, 17. Expended, \$1,137; due the the districts, \$130. Rural libraries, 3; supplementary libraries, 1; volumes, 350. Studying reading, 598; writing and sgelling, 524; language and grammar, 512; arithmetic, 531; geography, 403; history, 292; physiology, 98; civil government, 37; drawing, 392; agriculture, 91; manual training, 70.

EXAMINATIONS.

CERTIFICATES GRANTED—First grade: males, 53; females, 22; total, 75. Second grade: males, 28; females, 33; total, 61. Third

grade: males, 0; females, 3; total, 3.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Teachers' Association held four meetings during the year. These were better attended by the teachers than those of any previous year, and more interest was manifest. We have adopted the plan of designating certain teachers to prepare talks and essays on the subjects for discussion and find that this is an improvement on the former plan as the teachers selected for the work give more time and attention to preparing themselves for the discussions, hence making them more interesting and profitable to the members of the Association. After the regular discussion has closed any member who desires to do so is allowed to speak. Another new feature is the lectures and addresses which have been made to the body by members of the pulpit and the bar. We feel that these talks have done much good in inciting the teachers to renewed efforts and impressing more forcibly upon them their great duties and responsibilities.

The programme committee is required at each meeting to report the questions for discussion at the succeeding meeting, thus giving the members ample time for the study of the topics to be considered. A copy of the programme is printed in the local papers and also sent to the absent members. The Teachers' Circulating Library which belongs to the association has been increased by the addition of quite a number of books bringing it up to several hundred volumes. This library has been very helpful indeed to most of our teachers and it is now a permanent feature of the educational work of the county. We held no regular Teachers' Institute in the county this year having been engaged in this work the previous year. We held township teachers' meetings in each of the twenty townships of the county. The most of these meetings were fairly well attended by the teachers' committeemen and patrons, and considerable interest was manifested and much good accomplished along the lines of securing rural libraries for the schools, better houses and better equipment, etc. One hundred and forty-four teachers representing ten counties were enrolled in these meetings.

THE WOMAN'S BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION.

This body held three meetings during the year and has enrolled several new members. Most of the 55 lady teachers of the county are now active members of the organization. This association has accomplished much for the cause of education in our county. No little of the credit for the strides which our county has made in the past few years in building new school houses, in better equipment, in the rural library work, etc., is due the members of this body. Hundreds of beautiful pictures have been placed upon the walls of quite a number of our school rooms, dozens of sightly stumps have been removed from the grounds. While most if not all the houses and grounds have been improved in some way. A great part of this work is directly traceable to the noble efforts put forth by this band of untiring workers. May heaven's richest blessings rest on them in their ceaseless efforts to uplift and better the conditions around and about them. The prize offered this year by the association for the greatest improvement reported was won by Miss Mattie E. Sale, of Brier Creek, N. C., who taught in District No. 4 in New Castle township.

LIBRARIES.

A most gratifying and unmistakable sign of the progress of the schools and the great interest the people are taking in their welfare is evidenced in the remarkable growth of the library movement in the past twelve months. We have now in the county 33 Rural Libraries, 16 Supplementary Libraries, 3 School Libraries and 10 Traveling Libraries. We have long since taken all those allowed to us under the Rural Library act and now have 16 applications for regular libraries and 4 for supplementary libraries on file waiting for the State aid to become available. This is one of the very strongest indications that our people are rapidly becoming alive to the importance of placing the worlds best books in the hands of their children. Any legislation that encourages the establishment of school libraries will greatly aid in arousing interest of pupils and patrons not only in regular school work but in other subjects which tend to awaken thought, develop character and make high types of citizenship. Teachers testify that the presence of attractive well selected books in the school exerts a

powerful influence upon the discipline. The importance of instilling in the minds of the children early the habit of reading good books and a taste for good literature cannot be overestimated and the most effective way to accomplish this end is by placing good books within easy reach of them, by encouraging their use and directing their taste in the selection. The child who has access to a well chosen library and whose reading is a matter of importance to its parents is in the possession of a fund of general information and has formed habits of study and concentration of thought that enable it to advance much more rapidly in school work than those children who are less favorably situated.

We trust and believe that the good work so well begun will go on and on until every school in the county shall have a library for the the entertainment and instruction of its girls and boys.

LOCAL TAXATION.

The most pressing need of the schools and especially the rural schools is the providing of adequate ways and means for giving every child within our borders a good elementary education. As the present inadequacy of our educational system presses heavily on the rural population it is high time that our farmers take a more active part in the movement to extend and complete the system of public education. If we are to improve our agriculture, if we are to make the conditions of country life attractive enough to keep the bright boys and girls on the farms, if we are to equalize the advantages of country and town so as to maintain an intelligent prosperous and contented rural population we must give immediate and effective attention to the needs of rural schools. The farmers have this matter in their own hands. They can have a better state of things if they will, and now that our educational leaders are moving actively for the improvement of the rural schools, nothing but the indifference or the opposition of those most concerned can defeat their laudable efforts. With the excuse that we are too poor to educate our children we have let hundreds of them grow up in ignorance. The truth of the matter is we are too poor not to educate them. If you plead with a great many people for a local tax you will be met with the excuse that four months is long enough for the children to attend school during the year, yet if you consider

that with the long vacation of eight months the child must forget much of what was learned during his short stay at school it is easily seen that much of this short period at the beginning of the term must be taken up by the teacher in rendering the child as well fitted for going on with his studies as when the previous term closed. The city child receives mental training for eight months in the year, the country child but four. Is it a matter of surprise then that so many parents are moving to towns at any sacrifice. I do know that among the causes that have operated to drain some of our country districts of some of their very best citizens the almost hopeless prospect of securing good, long term schools is easily first.

The thinking people of today are seeing with more and more distinctness that there is little chance for the uneducated child in the coming years, that his pathway to success is far more rough and difficult than the one pressed by the feet of his better trained competitor. Our broad acres can never be made to resume their virgin fertility and yield the most generous returns until we have mixed our brains with the soils. Ideas are worth more than acres, they are not born in men, they do not come without cultivation. Only a man with brain power can develop a country. The development of this State must depend at last upon those citizens of the commonwealth whose lives are trained to think and whose hands are skilled to labor. The trained citizen and the skilled citizen of the future must come out of the schools. Wealth from the forest and wealth from the mine must be created in the future by the man who thinks for himself. We are rapidly approaching a period in the progress of civilization where ignorant man will find no place for work, he will simply be branded "not wanted" and pushed aside. It is not more certain that in past ages force was dominant than that in these latter times, intelligence rules. In the competition between sections the educated will have preeminence, in the contest between individuals the most highly trained will be the most sure of success, the best equipped for usefulness. For these reasons the intelligence and the conscience of the State will be satisfied with nothing less than a perfect system of public schools where all the children of the commonwealth regardless of conditions in life or circumstances of fortune may have an opportunity for the development and the train-

ing of the powers with which the creator has endowed them. We are led to believe that our people are ready for a forward movement, for completer lives for higher ideals and for a grander destiny. The education of a child is the most profitable investment that can be made, an educated mind and an upright charactor are worth more than all the gold and silver of earth. Education means power, it means dignity. It arouses and vitalizes all the activities of intelligence volition and emotion in the human soul. We cannot weigh an educated and well balanced mind in the scales as we would a quantity of lead, what can we place in the opposite side as an equivalent? We may compute the value of gold and silver because they are earthly and perishable but by what system of mathematics can we compute the value of that electric spark of intellect that is destined to live and grow and radiate when the heavens and the earth shall have passed away. A long trial of the existing system assures us that if education is to become universal, if all our young people are to be qualified to assume the responsibilities and duties of citizenship, if illiteracy is to be driven from the land, an improvement of the present system is imperative.

CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

It gives me much pleasure to report that the schools of the past year have been the best in the history of the county. The enrollment for the entire county (not including the districts where no schools were taught) is 73 per cent. of the school census while the average attendance for the whole term is 40 per cent. of the census. A year ago we had 13 rural libraries; to-day we have 34. While hundreds of dollars have been spent in building new school houses and in better equipment; in a word, progress is the watch-word all along the line. I know of no better way to show the improvement in our county than by conditions as we find them to-day and as they existed five or six years ago. On the following page are a few comparisons:

1900.					1906.
0	-	-	-	Rural Libraries	34
0	-	-	-	Supplementary Libraries	16
0	-	-	-	Travelling Libraries	10
0	-	-	-	Whole number of Libraries	60
0	-	-	-	Local tax districts	8
\$6,589	-	-	-	Value of school property	\$20,461
64	-	-	-	Frame houses	103
\$21	-	-	-	Teacher's monthly salary, male (white)	\$30
19	-	-	-	“ “ female “	27
62	-	-	-	Enrolled in school, per cent.	73
23	-	-	-	Average attendance, “ “	40
2185	-	-	-	Pupils studying arithmetic	3628
1265	-	-	-	“ “ geography	2725
859	-	-	-	“ “ grammar	1274
729	-	-	-	“ “ history	1460
16	-	-	-	“ “ higher branches	247
14	-	-	-	Length of school term, weeks (white)	16
130	-	-	-	Number of teachers employed	167
13 per cent.	-	-	-	Illiteracy	7
10,054	-	-	-	Children of school age	10,780

These figures are very gratifying indeed and we feel thankful for the work accomplished. Let us not however rest even for a moment upon the laurels already won, but rather let a knowledge of these achievements urge us on to still greater things in the coming years. This report is necessarily but an indication of the real work which is in progress in our midst. Who can measure and recount the patient effort, the noble self sacrifice, the lofty ideals, the high ambitions, the tedious, monotonous round of faithful service of the teachers and the school officers. In conclusion I desire to express my grateful appreciation of the assistance and cordial co-operation of the members of the Board of Education, the clergy, the press, the bar, the school committeemen and the teachers who have given to me and to the great cause of education their most loyal support. Our teachers are a well deserving, honest working loyal spirited band. No worthier can be found. They are rendering a noble service and deserve better at the hands of the public

than they have yet received. With the continued support of these agencies we can maintain the present efficiency of our schools and cause them to progress continually without it we cannot hope to accomplish a great deal.

With gratitude to our fathers for the heritage of a noble past, with thankfulness to God for his blessing upon the educational work of the past years, and relying upon Him for divine guidance we enter upon the work of the new scholastic year earnestly desiring and expecting the hearty co-operation of all our people in the effort for the educational and moral elevation of the citizenship of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. WRIGHT, County Supt. of Schools.
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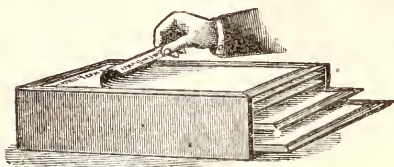
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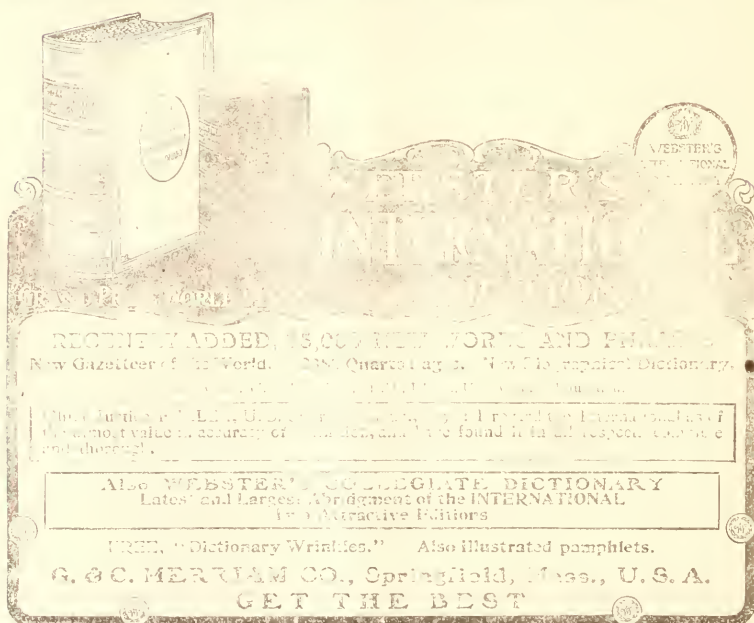
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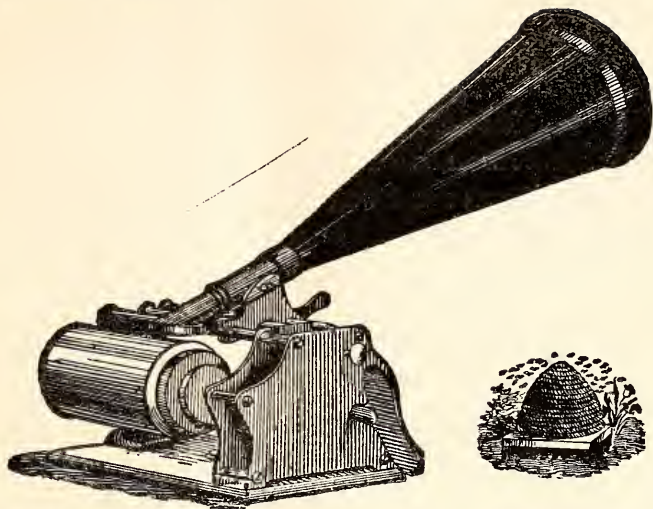
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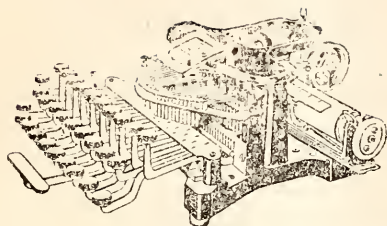
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